

Demolition calls it quits

The tag team divisions of both the World Wrestling Federation and the National Wrestling Alliance are in turmoil.

On the WWF side, the current tag team champions, The Hart Foundation (Bret "Hitman" Hart and brother-in-law Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart) were originally going to be dropped as a team as the federation cuts back from eight tag teams to six. Hart was to remain as a singles wrestler and Neidhart was to be let go as part of the WWF's recent decision to cut its number of wrestlers. Those plans were altered, though, when the tag team of Demolition gave notice it was going to leave.



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Demolition, one of only three teams in WWF history to hold the tag team title on three different occasions, will be no more as of Dec. 3. The two long-time members of the villainous trio, Ax (Bill Eadie) and Smash (Barry Darsow) are expected to take an offer to wrestle primarily in Japan during 1991. The status of the newest member of the team, Crush (Brian Adams), hasn't been determined.

If both Demolition and the Hart Foundation were to go, there would be an odd number of teams left (five). The remaining squads are the Legion of Doom, Power and Glory, the Orient Express, the Rockers and the Bushwhackers. Rather than create a new team, the federation decided to retain the Hart Foundation as a unit. This leaves the WWF with an unbalanced lineup of tag teams, however; of the remaining squads, only the Orient Express and Power and Glory are villains.

It had been expected that Demolition would remain with the WWF at least through next spring, even with the Japanese offer. However, the team, and in particular Eadie, was unhappy about the WWF wanting to change them into a masked tag team so he gave his notice.

Eadie was a major star in Japan during the early 1980s as The Masked Superstar, the same ring name he also used through 1986 in the United States.

The NWA, meanwhile, also has to do some replenishing of its tag team division. The Midnight Express (Bobby Eaton and Stan Lane) have broken up temporarily — Lane and manager Jim Cornette quit the promotion two weeks ago. Eaton will honor the remainder of his contract through next May. At that time it is expected that the Express will rejoin forces and work independently within the United States and also tour Japan.

ETC: Former wrestler and television announcer **Jesse (The Body) Ventura** was elected mayor last week of the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Park, Minn. . . . **Terry Funk**, considered one of the legends of the business, captured the United States Wrestling Association version of the world title by defeating **Jerry (The King) Lawler** on Nov. 5 in Memphis, Tenn. . . . The NWA agreed to a deal with New Japan Pro Wrestling to promote a joint show next March 21 at the 60,000-seat Tokyo Egg Dome. . . . The WWF reached a deal with another Japanese promotion, Super World Sports, to send wrestlers back-and-forth. However, a proposed March 28 date at the Tokyo Dome was nixed by the WWF because it comes too shortly after Wrestlemania.

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